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COMMUNICATION FORWARDING FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicants enclose herewith a new set of formal drawings for FIGS. 1-6 (five sheets total).

Notice of the approval of these drawings is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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